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Applicant: Shoji YASUDA Conf.:  
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For: THERMALLY PROCESSED IMAGE FORMING MATERIAL

REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

December 31, 2001

Sir:

In reply to the Examiner's Office Action dated July 31, 2001, the due date having been extended for two (2) months to December 31, 2001, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 2 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

Please replace claims 1 and 3-5 with the following amended claims:

--1. (Amended) A thermally processed image forming material containing elsewhere on a support a reducing agent, a binder and non-photosensitive fatty silver salt grains characterized in that

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